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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

In response to the Office Action mailed on November 23, 2001, please amend the application as follows

In the claims:

Replace amended claims 1, 2, 4, 8, and 12 with the following clean versions.

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1. A method of inhibiting formation of an atherosclerotic lesion comprising administering to a mammal a compound that reduces expression of AFABP, wherein said AFABP comprises the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:4 and wherein a reduction in AFABP expression inhibits formation of an atherosclerotic lesion.

2. A method of inhibiting formation of an atherosclerotic lesion in a mammal, comprising identifying a mammal in need of said inhibition, and introducing to said mammal a compound that reduces expression of AFABP, wherein said AFABP comprises the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:4 and wherein a reduction in AFABP expression inhibits formation of an atherosclerotic lesion.

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